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In re application of: )  
VIJAYEN VEERASAMY et al. ) Examiner: PIANALTO, B.  
Application No.: 08/761,336 )  
Filed: December 10, 1996 ) Art Unit: 1762  
For: RECORDING MEDIA HAVING )  
PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS OF )  
HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL )  
AMORPHOUS CARBON AND )  
METHODS FOR THEIR )  
PRODUCTION )  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER  
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

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Sir:

The following information is being called to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and be made of record therein.

The subject matter of the inventions now claimed in this application was not commonly owned at the time the inventions named therein were made.

Eric Li and Vijayen Veerasamy jointly conceived of the method recited by independent claim 8 while Eric Li was an employee of Akashic Memories Corporation ("Akashic," the assignee of the present application at the time of filing) but prior to Vijayen Veerasamy's employment by Akashic. Dr. Veerasamy's pre-Akashic contributions included, for example, the heating of a solid carbon cathode so as to produce a distributed arc and

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inhibit ejection of macroparticles. Dr. Veerasamy continued to contribute to this invention after beginning employment at Akashic on January 16, 1995. Similarly, Manfred Weiler was under no duty to assign this invention to Akashic, for example, when he first conceived of the use of a source material having a substantially coherent dissociation energy spectra, and specifically the use of acetylene, as included in independent claim 13 and dependent claim 14, respectively.

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